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Koch Raps Fad Opinion Makers Mankiewicz Will Discuss Elections



President Gellermann and Mayor Koch

New York City's Mayor Koch warned the country's "opinion makers" — the government, the media, the foundations — that the public is getting fed up with them at his Headliners luncheon appearance at the club Friday, Nov. 7.

Calling them all "fad makers," the Mayor charged that they are getting too much involved in the public's personal affairs and that this is costing the public too much.

"These fad makers come in with great ideas," he said. "Five years later they find that it's all a mistake. They get off the hook. But the people are left with having to pay. People are fed up with these fad makers telling them what to think and what to do."

The Mayor cited as an example the Federal government's mandate for mass transportation to be equally accessible to the handicapped. It would cost New York City a billion dollars to make its transportation system accessible to wheelchair people, he said, with the Federal government paying no part of it.

But there are only some 22,000 people who would be affected, the Mayor noted, and only about 500 of these would actually use the system.

"It would be cheaper and more sensible for us to transport them by limousine, even at \$50 a ride," he said.

Turning to the presidential election, the Mayor declared that the Republicans had not won so much as that the Democrats had lost — because "the Democratic party is moving away from the people." He praised President-elect Reagan for having agreed with him that the Federal government should pay for everything it mandates the states to do.

On a scale of one to 10, the Mayor gave President Carter an eight, saying that he was a good person who did not realize his potential and did not get credit for much that he had done.

Mr. Reagan, he found, is an intelligent person but "not a genius." "But neither am I," he said. "Geniuses can never run anything, but they can get good people to run things for them."

Pursuing his own campaign for two more terms, the Mayor threw out what is becoming a favorite line of his, "If I'm not elected, I'll get a better job — but you won't get a better mayor."

On the basis of audience reception, David Anderson, Headliners chairman, gave the Mayor a rating of 10.

Frank Mankiewicz, journalist, author, politician and currently president of National Public Radio, will address the Overseas Press Club Leaders Forum on Monday, December 8, in the Bogart Room, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Mankiewicz will discuss the emergence of National Public Radio as one of the most potent forces in American broadcasting and the role of government in broadcasting and particularly in broadcasting news. He also will talk about the differences in news coverage by public radio and commercial broadcasters and share his views on the November elections.

Mankiewicz was named president of NPR in 1977. Previously he had written a nationally syndicated column with Tom Braden, and was campaign director during George McGovern's presidential bid.

A New York native, Mankiewicz earned his bachelors degree at UCLA and his masters at Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. He began his newspaper career as an undergraduate on the UCLA *Daily Bruin*, where he became editor.

After stints as a news service correspondent in Washington and abroad, Mankiewicz in 1952 turned from journalism to law, earning his law degree at the University of California at Berkeley and practicing in Beverly Hills for six years.

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Up-and-Coming

Friday, Dec. 5, 1980 — 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. — Main Lounge. "Salute to Famed Jazz Drummer Tommy Benford" with the "Harlem Blues and Jazz Band," additional guest stars. Seating first-come. Admission: \$4.00.

Monday, Dec 8, 1980 — 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. — Bogart Room — A personal appraisal of the Presidential election by Frank Mankiewicz, journalist, lawyer, politician and currently president of National Public Radio.

No Sheep - But Pretty Fences



Timmy and Barrett Gallagher

Last fall the Central Park Sheep Meadow was enclosed by a cyclone fence and resodded at a cost of \$368,501, in state and city funds and private donations. Trampled by thousands in concerts, operas, and jazz mob scenes, as well as by frisbee and touch-football enthusiasts, the grass had been worn out.

When we inspected this modern miracle, we were surprised to discover that about three dozen snow fences had been set out in the meadow in a random pattern like a gigantic outdoor sculpture. Questions asked the Central Park Rangers as to the purpose of the fences

received various replies: "To prevent football players who climb over the cyclone fence from finding playing space," "To prevent snow drifts," and, "Don't know."

The overlapping snow fences created endless moire patterns which we photographed half a dozen times. The dreaded snow drifts did not appear, we waited months for two light dustings.

When two photographers cancelled plans for a November exhibit, we were drafted as last minute replacements to fill the space.

Next month, December, photographs by Hope Wurmfeld.

OPCers Keep Swinging in the Rain

Suppose you gave a party and no one came?

This was almost the case of the OPC's free-spirit yachting ensemble, the Overseas Yacht Club, on Saturday, October 25.

For the 15th consecutive year, ex-commodore **Charlie Schreiber** and mate Joanne planned their annual outdoor picnic for fellow members and friends at their waterside "fiddler's green" in Rowayton, Conn. That particular Saturday was selected because of a noon high tide and the usual "Indian summer" weather. But this time, their party-of-parties was a wash-out—literally.

Flexing 75 mile an hour winds and tides five to six feet above normal, a severe storm arrived at Rowayton on that Saturday morning. By the time the noon balloon was lofted, over three feet of swirling, angry salt water surrounded the Schreiber play-pen. Most

would-be guests could get no closer than a mile away from their site-by-the-sea. Pleas for water transportation came from such OYC hearties as **Al** and **Mary Wall**, Gloria Major, Al Ciota and others. The local waters were too turbulent to accommodate their request.

But some did press on regardless. Among those that arrived to sip and sup were Commodore **Howard Kany** and commodorable Rita, OPC Governor **George Krinsky** and mate Paula, a Rowayton neighbor from the high ground territory of town, **Jack** and **Grace Devlin**, intrepid navigator **Arnold Abramson**, four members of the OYC band and assorted neighbors and local friends. There was a jolly crowd of some 20 well-wishers. And teenagers galore applauded each wave that struck and shook the house. Repast and revelry went on until the water and sun started

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Letters

TAIPEI — My thanks to the 15 (!) OPCers who expressed an interest in the Taiwan job.

So far as I know, the employer is still considering everybody.

He was out of the country when the applications arrived. On top of that, I have had four spells in the hospital during the last two months.

My thanks to the 15 highly qualified applicants and expressions of regret that the process is taking so long.

— William Glenn

New Members

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Barney Oldfield Tells A Weird Story

The following review of OPCer **Barney Oldfield's** new book is reprinted with permission from *Variety*.

Operation Narcissus

It is rather unusual for an author to get almost as much space on the fly leaf as the book itself, but not when the author is *Col. Barney Oldfield U.S.A. (Ret.)*, whose book "Operation Narcissus," (Pendick Press, 429 pp., \$20.00) this is.

Col. Oldfield is a rather unusual author. He not only writes books (this is his third) but he was also a newspaperman, radio commentator, publicist, Army and Air Force public relations officer, lecturer, teacher and now an executive with Litton Industries.

Even the ultimate purpose for writing this book is unusual. Proceeds go to the American Research & Medical Foundation, which provides heart and lung checkups for the underprivileged; the Edward R. Murrow Endowment Fund at Washington State University and the University of Nebraska Foundation's School of Journalism.

Price of the book is determined by the donation itself — any contribution of \$20.00 or more will get the donor a copy, personally autographed by the author.

"Operation Narcissus," of course, has nothing to do with the mythological young Greek who admired his reflection in the water. It is a work of fiction sprung full-blown from the brain of the author but based on a conversation he had after World War II with former American ambassador to Poland, Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, who told him about

\$4,000,000 worth of gold bullion from Poland's national treasury that had been moved out of that country to an unrevealed place until the war was over and the gold reclaimed by its rightful owners.

Apparently this was all Ambassador Biddle told him, but it was enough for Col. Oldfield to invent his own version of what happened later.

His cast of characters includes four American Army officers and a Free lieutenant and some girls they meet in England. One is the daughter of a German Jewish professor who is the last remaining member of a group who know the location of the gold cache.

Also involved is an exotic German artist, a friend of Hitler and Goebbels, but who loves a Frenchman, whose life is in jeopardy.

It sounds and often reads a bit complicated but all the lines get straightened out in the end. Both the professor and his daughter end up in Buchenwald, as may be expected — the girl even is raped and the old man has his vocal cords slashed, but not before the right people learn where the gold is hidden and they restore it to the Polish government in exile in London. But, like some other victims of the Holocaust, the professor and his daughter manage to survive.

Col. Oldfield is a natural story teller and he tells it well, building characterizations as he pursues his plot which, it should be said, is different from the usual war stories of blood and guts or espionage. And the cause it benefits is worthy. — *Span*

Jazzing It Up At the OPC Dec. 5

A salute to one of the foremost drummers in jazz history, Tommy Benford, will be given by the OPC jazz committee, December 5, in a twilight session, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the club's Main Lounge, with seating on a first-come basis and an admission charge of \$4.00 to all.

The musicians in tribute will be headlined by the renowned "Harlem Blues and Jazz Band" featuring Al Casey, guitar; Eddie Durham, trombone; Geogre James, alto saxophone; Gene Rodgers, piano; and Johnny Williams, bass. **Jane Jarvis**, OPC's well known jazz pianist, will head an impromptu jam session following the formal tribute.

Beloved by all in jazz, Benford's impressive worldwide career spans more than six decades.

Starting with the legendary Jelly Roll Morton, Benford's credentials cov-

er playing with every major American jazz artist. His tours of Europe and, indeed, the world are incomparable.

Renford has been a frequent performer and strong supporter of the OPC jazz series during its twelve-year club tenure. **Wilma Dobie** serves as jazz chairman with co-chairman, **Jerry Bissell**; **Gloria Watson**, secretary-treasurer; **Jane Jarvis**, talent coordinator; **George Burns**, **Ben Greenwald**, **Al Wall**, **Sol Zatt**.

YACHT CLUB PARTY (Cont'd from p.2)

to ebb, one with the other.

To quote from Schreiber's invitation: "The first broadside goes at noon and we revel rain or shine. (Be aware of the statistic that no rain fell on any weekend from May to October in 1980.)" Unquote.

So much for ol' Abe Weatherwise from Rowayton.

MANKIEWICZ (Continued from p.1)

He campaigned for John F. Kennedy in the 1960 elections, and later became director of the Peace Corps in Latin America.

In 1966 Mankiewicz joined Robert F. Kennedy's senate staff as press secretary, a post he held until the senator's assassination in California in 1968.

He is the author of several books, including "With Fidel," "Perfectly Clear: Nixon from Whittier to Watergate," and "Remote Control: Television and the Manipulation of American Life."

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Who, What, Where

By BLYTHE FOOTE FINKE

John Guenther, who has done so much for OPC through the years with programs and other features, has just published a narrative poem entitled "Pearl Harbor." It is particularly timely as 1981 will be the 40th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. This is the first long poem to be published on that historic event. Congratulations John!

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Elmer Lower, former Vice President of ABC News, and currently Professor of Journalism at the University of Missouri, has an article in the recent *TV Guide* about the election.

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An OPC member since 1965, **Penny Lernoux** is one of five 1980 winners of the Maria Moors Cabot Prizes given annually by Columbia University. She has written for the *Washington Post* and other newspapers. Also won a citation for "Selected Articles on South America" in 1969 from OPC, and also in 1970 for a series of reports on the Peruvian earthquake.

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Yvonne Beaudry is just back from a writing trip to the Scandinavian countries. Also her articles on Quebec locales have been appearing in the *Vancouver Sun* (September), *Boston Globe*, and other U.S. and Canadian publications.

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Henry Gellermann notes that the biography of Sophia Loren written by OPC member **A. E. Hotchner**, entitled "Her Own Story," a best seller, was shown during a three hour film presentation over the NBC network Sunday, October 26 during prime evening time.

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Seen at the club recently, Abe Jacobs, one-time Chicago newsman now involved in technical publication, taking advantage of reciprocity between OPC and the Chicago Press Club.

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Our loyal cashier, trouble-shooter, expert on Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and man-about-town, **Tony Muraco** has observed his 25th anniversary with the OPC. He began as a part time employee 25 years ago. On the occasion of this anniversary, OPC President **Henry Gellermann** presented him with a gift on behalf of the entire membership. Congratulations Tony!

And one final word for this issue, we should all take our hats off to **Mary Novick**, who dredges up all the tiny details that add to this WHO WHAT WHERE column. She is the most invaluable of OPC employees. Without her we couldn't function!

Don Rogers, Money Editor, Dies

Donald I. Rogers once described himself as "a very rich man." He was reminded that he had made many, many devoted friends in his 62 years of life, and his response about how those friendships had enriched his life was typical of Don's candor and contagious good cheer. He died Nov. 4.

Don Rogers' death leaves a void, not only among personal relationships with his fellow man, but to the profession of journalism to which he gave a full measure of his life's commitment. He was for the past few years Senior Editor of The Hearst Newspapers, and although known on Wall Street and far beyond as an expert in the field of economics, he could write with skill about politics, foreign policy, or the English language.

Before coming to The Hearst Newspapers he was Financial Editor of the *New York Herald Tribune*, a post he held with distinction. His department on the *Herald Tribune* often was described as the best in the country, never by him, mind you, but by businessmen and financiers who read the Trib and would know if a comma was out of place. As Economics Editor of *New York Herald Tribune* he continued to hold high the banner of editorial excellence to which financial writers throughout the country could repair.

Don Rogers' warmth warmed others. His kind heart kindled a spirit of camaraderie among his legion of friends. And nothing would please him more than to hear us say he was a newspaperman, through and through.

— Dwight Sargent

Another longtime OPC member, **Shirley Murphy Tate**, also died in late October in San Francisco, California, where she has lived for many years since she left the position of a United Nations correspondent for the United States Information Agency.

Charlotte Knight, an OPC member since 1948, died in October, also in San Francisco. Her brother, Jesse H. Knight of Calgary, Canada writes that she had been in ill health for some time.

The Reverend **William Gray**, Director of Communications for Trinity Church, died Tuesday, November 4, 1980. Reverend Gray was a member of the Overseas Press Club since 1972.

Red China on U.S. Radio

Cultural radio programs from the People's Republic of China are being made available to U.S. radio stations under an historic agreement made in Peking last month by OPCer **Howard L. Kany**, vice president and executive director of the Broadcasting Foundation of America.

Radio Peking will supply information and musical programs on audiotape in English for distribution to BFA's member stations throughout the U.S. The first program in the series is a demonstration of traditional antique Chinese musical instruments.

Kany also visited France, Egypt and Pakistan in his international quest for new BFA programming from overseas.

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